1	2	3	4	5	6
16.	Rajasthan	28.33	85.35	26.25	20.20
17.	Tamil Nadu	28.41 0.62 (VO)	- 5.32 (VO)	- 4.14 (VO)	- 13.22 (VO)
18.	Tripura	-	2.01	-	0.87
19.	Uttar Pradesh	(grant given prior to 92-93)		- 1.04 (VO)	- 0.70 (VO)
20.	West Bengal	-	-	34.00 12.00	3.76
21.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	20.65	9.84	13.37	12.78
22	Chandigarh	-	0.99	0.99	-
23	Delhi	0.03	18.74 1.25 (VO) 19.89	37.50 2.18	4.54
24.	Daman & Diu	0.29	0.42	0.45	0.45
25	Goa (grant given prior to 92-93	-	-	-	-
		379.48	449.95 i.e. 450.00	516.94 i.e. 517.00	670.00

Flouting of Safety Norms

1792 SHRI MOHAN RAWALE Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.600 on March 1, 1996 regarding flouting of safety norms and state

(a) the details of the action taken against the crew members/officials responsible for the violations

(b) whether the Government have since taken the decision to amend the Aircraft Act 1934 and

(c) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C M IBRAHIM) (a) The details of action taken against private airlines are as under

(i) Modiluft The approval of the Quality Control Manager was withdrawn (ii) East West Airlines The licences of pilot/co-pilot have been suspended (iii) Elbee Airlines The authorisation of foreign pilot to fly Indian Registered aircraft was withdrawn and the co-pilot was subjected to refresher on minima requirements and its applicability (iv) Mesco Airlines The licence of the pilot has been suspended

(b) No Sir

(c) Does not arise

[Translation]

Procurement and Sale Prices of Foodgrains

1793 SHRI NITISH KUMAR
DR MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great difference between the procurement price of foodgrains and the price on which ration card holders purchase them from fair price shops in country

(b) if so the details of prices fixed therefor separately during the year 1995-96 State/Union Territory wise

(c) whether it is also a fact that inspite of wide difference between these prices the Government have given subsidy under this head

(d) if so the details of the subsidy on foodgrains given by the Government during 1995-96 State/Union Territory-wise

(e) whether the subsidy on foodgrains has been misutilised and

(f) if so the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) (a) and (b) The Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of foodgrains are as under :

(Rs. per quintal)

Commodity	M.S.P.	Remarks
Wheat	380	For Rabi Marketing Season 1996-97
Paddy		
Common	360	For Kharif Marketing season 1995-96
Fine	375	
Superfine	395	

The economic cost of foodgrains includes pooled cost of foodgrains incidental costs of procurement like statutory charges cost of gunny bags labour and transportation charges administrative charges carry

over charges paid to the State Government and the distribution costs like freight, handling expenses, storage charges, interest payments, transit and storage shortages and establishment charges. The economic cost of wheat and rice as per FCI Budget Estimates for 1996-97 is Rs. 609.10 and s.773 49 per quintal, respectively.

The foodgrains are issued from the Central Pool to the State Governments at a uniform CIP (ex-FCI godown) throughout the country. The CIP of wheat and rice (effective from 1.2.94) is as follows:-

	(Rs. per quintal)
Wheat	402
Rice	
Common	537
Fine	617
Superfine	648

The State Governments/UTs fix Fair Price Shop (FPS) level prices after adding transportation, distribution costs, etc. to the CIP. The pries fixed by various State Governments/UTs for foodgrains distributed through PDs is given in the *Statement*.

(c) and (d). The Central Government releases food subsidy to the Food Corporation of India to cover the difference between economic cost and the sales realisations under various schemes as well as to meet the carrying cost of buffer stocks. No subsidy is released directly by the Ministry of Food to the State Governments. A sum of Rs.5306 crores was released under this Head to the F.C.I. during 1995-96.

(e) No. Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

F.P.S. Level prices of Foodgranins in various States/UTs (As on 1.2.94) (Rs./kg.)

S.No.	State/UTs.	Public Distribution System				Revamped PDS			
		Wheat	Rice			Wheat	Rice		
			Common	Fine	Superfine		Common	Fine	Superfine
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Central issue Price (CIP)	4.02	5.37	6.17	6.48	3.52	4.87	5.67	5.98
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4.45$	-	6.50	6.80	3.90	5.12	5.92	6.23
	White Card Holders	-	2.00@@	-	-	-	2.00@@	-	-
	Pink Card Holders	-	-	6.50	6.80	-	5.12	5.92	6.23
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	3.77	5.12	5.92	6.23
3.	Assam	5.06	5.95	6.83	7.17	-	5.10	-	-
4	Bihar 0.5 Kms.	4.57	6.07	6.89	7.25	3.77	5.12	5.92	6.23
	6.16 Kms.	4.58	6.08	6.90	7.26	-	-	-	-
5	Delhi	4.27	5.73	6.57	6.90	-	-	-	-
6	Goa	4.30	5.70	6.55	6.85	-	-	-	-
7	Gujarat	4.90	6.60	7.60	8.00	3.77	5.12	5.92	6.23
8	Haryana	4.22	-	-	6.92	3.77	-	-	6.22
9.	Himachal Pradesh	4.32	7.35	-	-	3.77	5.12	-	6.23
10	Jammu & Kashmir	4.37	6.05	7.25	-	3.77	5.12	6.23	-
11	Karnataka	4.45	5.95	6.75	7.05	3.95	5.35	6115	6.45
12	Kerala	4.38	5.75	6.56	6.87	3.85	5.20	6.00	
13	Madhya Pradesh	4.60	6.00	6.80	7.15	3.77	5.12	5.92	6.23
14	Maharashtra	5.00	6.60	7.50	7.90	3.00	4.40	5.20	5.50
15	Manipur	4.21	6.00	6.86	7.20	-	5.12	5.92	6.23
16	Meghalaya	4.10	5.40	6.20	6.50	-	-	-	-
17	Mizoram	-	-	-	-	3.52	5.12	5.92	6.23
18	Nagaland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Orissa	4.70	6.22	7.09	7.43	3.77	5.12	5.90	6.23

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20.	Punjab	4.05	-	-	6.79	-	-	-	-
21.	Rajasthan	4.45	5.90	6.70	7.00	3.85	5.25	6.10	6.40
22.	Sikkim	4.35	5.70	6.53	6.85	4.10	5.32	6.13	6.45
23.	Tamil Nadu	4.50	2.00	3.75	3.75	3.80	2.00	3.75	3.75
24.	Tripura	4.55	5.90	6.70	7.00	4.05	5.40	6.20	6.50
25.	Uttar Pradesh	4.50	6.00	6.90	7.21	3.77	5.12	5.92	6.23
26.	West Bengal	4.55	5.90	6.80	7.15	3.77	5.12	5.92	6.23
27.	A & N Islands	4.70	6.20	7.10	7.40	3.77	5.12	5.92	6.23
28.	Chandigarh	-	6.85	-	-	-	-	-	-
29.	D & N Haveli	4.51	-	-	6.23	3.77	-	-	6.23
30.	Daman & Diu	4.15	-	-	6.63	4.15	-	-	6.23
31.	Lakshadweep	-	-	-	-	3.77	5.12	5.92	6.23
32.	Pondicherry	4.27	5.55	6.35	6.65	-	-	-	-
	Mahe	4.37	5.66	6.47	6.79	-	-	-	-
	Yanam	4.35	5.85	6.70	7.05	-	-	-	-

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[English]

Foreign Tourists

1794. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) the total number of foreign tourists visited India during the years 1989, 1994 and 1995;

(b) the number of tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir out of them, during the above period; and

(c) the measures taken by the Union Government to develop tourism in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA) : (a) and (b). The details of foreign tourists who visited India and of those who visited Jammu and Kashmir during 1989, 1994 and 1995 are as given below :-

Year	Number of foreign Tourists	
	Visiting India	Visiting Jammu & Kashmir
1989	1736093	67762
1994	1886433	24683
1995	2123683	20589

(c) The measures being taken by the Union Government to develop tourism in the country include continuous improvement of infrastructural facilities, human resource development and focussed publicity and marketing abroad.

[Translation]

Printed Price of Consumer Goods

1795. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a big difference between the real and retail printed prices of several domestic grocery items and consumer goods;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this price difference is also found in the items sold in the branches of Kendriya Bhandar and Super Bazar; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to safeguard the consumers from such practice?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) The retail sale price (MRP) printed on a package includes various components like taxes, freight, commissions etc. The price printed in only the maximum price and the actual selling price may be lower than the MRP, depending upon these factors.

(c) According to the information available in the Ministry, in Supar bazar and Kendriya Bhandar selling price of Large Variety of Domestic grocery items and consumer goods, is fixed below maximum retail price (MRP).

(d) Surprise inspection and checking are carried out at retail outlets to detect cases of higher charging